

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 118-10**  
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At the end of subtitle E of title XII, add the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_. REPORT ON UNITED STATES PRESENCE IN THE**  
2 **HORN OF AFRICA AND RED SEA REGION.**

3 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
4 gress that—

5 (1) increased United States engagement in the  
6 Horn of Africa and Red Sea region has presented an  
7 opportunity to build and strengthen security co-  
8 operation with key partners there;

9 (2) Somaliland, with a port and airfield in  
10 Berbera, occupies a pivotal geographic location in  
11 the Horn of Africa, is adjacent to strategic maritime  
12 routes in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden, and could  
13 contribute to United States military objectives given  
14 the evolving security situation in the region;

15 (3) utilization of the port of Berbera as an ac-  
16 cess point to the Horn of Africa would provide flexi-  
17 bility with regards to the delivery of humanitarian  
18 assistance in the Horn of Africa region and beyond.

1 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
2 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense,  
3 in consultation with the Secretary of State and the heads  
4 of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, shall  
5 submit a classified report, along with an unclassified sum-  
6 mary, to the appropriate congressional committees that  
7 contains an assessment of the extent to which a sustained  
8 United States Government presence in Somaliland  
9 would—

10 (1) support United States policy focused on the  
11 Red Sea corridor, the Indo-Pacific region, and the  
12 Horn of Africa, including the promotion of conflict  
13 avoidance and resolution;

14 (2) improve cooperation on counterterrorism  
15 and intelligence sharing, including to degrade and  
16 ultimately defeat the terrorist threat posed by Al-  
17 Shabaab, the Islamic State in Somalia, and other  
18 terrorist groups operating in Somalia;

19 (3) enhance cooperation on counter-trafficking,  
20 including the trafficking of humans, wildlife, weap-  
21 ons, and illicit goods;

22 (4) support trade and development;

23 (5) facilitate the distribution of humanitarian  
24 assistance in the Horn of Africa; and

1           (6) counter the presence of the People’s Repub-  
2           lic of China (PRC) in the region, including by detail-  
3           ing—

4                   (A) the PRC’s interest in access to port fa-  
5                   cilities in Djibouti, Mombasa, Massawa and  
6                   Assab;

7                   (B) the PRC’s role in fomenting unrest in  
8                   the Sool region of Somaliland; and

9                   (C) the role played by the Republic of  
10                  China (Taiwan) in checking the PRC’s engage-  
11                  ment with Somaliland.

12           (c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-  
13           FINED.—In subsection (b), the term “appropriate congres-  
14           sional committees” means—

15                   (1) the Committee on Armed Services of the  
16                   House of Representatives;

17                   (2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the  
18                   House of Representatives;

19                   (3) the Committee on Armed Services of the  
20                   Senate; and

21                   (4) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the  
22                   Senate.

